

**Department of Health and Human Services**  
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**Nevada Ranking Among 50 States**

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Where Nevada ranks when compared to the other states is shown in the figures below. This information was compiled from national data sources that conduct surveys through state and local education and health agencies. The Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration conducts the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and the Drug and Alcohol Services Information System. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) surveys; the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), which includes youth and young adults, and the adult Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; surveys behaviors that lead to alcohol and drug use.

The following rankings are determined from the estimates indicated in the surveys. Prediction intervals for Nevada, in some cases overlap with other states, leading to more than one state with the same ranking.

**I. 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health**

The following are estimates from the 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. This survey interviews individuals 12 years of age and older from residents of households, residents of non-institutionalized group quarters, and civilians living on military bases. For the 2004 survey, 1,869 Nevada residents responded.

1. Percentage of individuals reporting past month use of “any illicit drug” among persons aged 12 or older.
  - Nevada (persons 12 and older) has the 15<sup>th</sup> highest use (8.68%) of 50 states.
  - Nevada’s youth (12-17 years of age) has the 23<sup>rd</sup> highest reported use of any illicit drug (11.27%) of the 50 states.
2. Percentage of Nevadans reporting past month use of “Marijuana” among persons aged 12 or older.
  - Nevada (persons 12 and older) has the 21<sup>st</sup> highest thirty-day use of marijuana (6.16%) of 50 states.
  - Nevada’s youth (12-17 years of age) has the 24<sup>th</sup> highest thirty-day use of marijuana (11.24%) of 50 states.
3. Percentage of Nevadans reporting past month use of “any illicit drug other than marijuana” among persons aged 12 or older.

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<sup>1</sup> The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS), Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA), was previously known as the Health Division, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA).

- Nevada (persons 12 and older) has the 7<sup>th</sup> highest reported thirty-day use of any illicit drug other than marijuana (4.03%) of 50 states.
  - Nevada's youth (12-17 years of age) have the 42<sup>nd</sup> highest reported thirty-day use of any illicit drugs other than marijuana (5.00%) of 50 states.
4. Percentage of Nevadans reporting past year use of "cocaine" among persons aged 12 or older.
- Nevada (persons 12 and older) has the 46<sup>th</sup> highest reported past-year use of cocaine (1.96%) of 50 states.
  - Nevada's youth (12-17 years of age) has the 35<sup>th</sup> highest reported past-year use of cocaine (1.51%) of 50 states.
5. Percentage of Nevadans reporting past month use of "Alcohol" among persons aged 12 or older.
- Nevada (persons 12 and older) has the 36<sup>th</sup> highest reported thirty-day alcohol (46.95%) use of 50 states.
  - Nevada's youth (12-17 years of age) has the 27<sup>th</sup> highest reported thirty-day usage of alcohol (17.41%) of 50 states.
6. Percentage of Nevadans reporting past month "binge alcohol" use among persons aged 12 or older.
- Nevada (persons 12 and older) has the 36<sup>th</sup> highest reported past-month binge drinking (21.34%) of 50 states.
  - Nevada's youth 12 -17 years of age) has the 26<sup>th</sup> highest reported past-month binge drinking (11.28%) of 50 states.
7. Percentage of Nevadans reporting past year "non-medical use of prescription drugs" for 2002, 2003, and 2004 among persons aged 12 or older.
- Nevada (persons 12 and older) has the number 1 highest ranking (2.7%) use of any stimulant (includes methamphetamine) in the nation (1.2%).
  - Nevada's youth (12-17 years of age) has the 20<sup>th</sup> highest (2.6%) tied with Mississippi, use of any stimulant (includes methamphetamine) in the nation (2.3%).
8. Percentage of Nevadans reporting past year "non-medical use of prescriptions drugs" for 2002, 2003, and 2004 among persons aged 12 or older.
- Nevada (persons 12 and older) has the number 1 highest ranking (2.2%) "Use of methamphetamine" in the nation (0.7%).
  - Nevada youths (12-17 years of age) have tied for the 4<sup>th</sup> highest (1.6%) "Use of methamphetamine" in the nation (1.6%).

## **II. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System**

According to 2005 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System:

- Nevada (adults) rank 2<sup>nd</sup> highest, along with Hawaii, (7.4%) for "heavy drinking per day" of 50 states.

- Nevada (adults) rank 6<sup>th</sup> highest (17.6%) for “binge drinking” (5 or more drinks on one occasion) of 50 states.
- Nevada (adults) rank 11<sup>th</sup> highest for “thirty-day use of alcohol” (59.7%) of 50 states.

### **III. Youth Risk Behavior Survey**

According to 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey:

- Nevada ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for students reporting illicit methamphetamine use one or more times during their lifetime (11.7%).

### **IV. The Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS)**

According to the Issue 9, 2006 DASIS Report:

- Nevada is the 7<sup>th</sup> highest (176 per 100,000) among methamphetamine/amphetamine admissions to treatment, with a rate three times the national average (56 per 100,000).